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OUR VERY BEST

What a thrill, when a boy in uniform passes by.
A thrill, yes, an electric thrill, and why?

Because, every time that a line goes by
Isn't there some one from Old Ames High?

Because it brings back that memorable day
When our own in uniform went away.

When tears of loyalty, anguish and joy,
Coursed down the face of the soldier boy.

Was it easy, no—not for a one,
But they answered the call for the man and the gun.

When honor and freedom and all that is right,
Is held up at stake—just watch our boys fight.

OUR HONOR HOLL

Army and Navy

Arthur Belanger
Elmer Jones
Harvey Fitch
Louis Grey
Floyd Mabie
Wm. Nelson
Chas. Nowlin
Bog Seage
Gifford Terry
George Dunlap
Paul Hammond
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Lyle McCarthy
Warren Rinehart
Jay Elliot
Burnice Posegate
Winfred Crabbs
Paul McNeil

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

This is an important year in the life of athletics for our school.

Our being suspended from the state association, and nearly all the older boys being in the service of our country, is no reason for giving up any of our athletic activities, but rather more reason why we should put forth a greater effort to make this phase of our life a success.

Altho our suspension lasts only thru this football season, we cannot afford to waste our time waiting for interscholastic competition.

It will be profitable for us to spend some time learning the fundamentals of the game for next year, and to this end Mr. Thompson is arranging for a series of class games.

Some time will be spent in learning how to catch, punt, throw, carry and fall on the ball, as well as tackling, running signals and rules of the game.

We have enough boys in each class to make an interesting series of class games, and for the interest of the class to which we belong we should be loyal enough to get into a suit and practice three times each week.

There will also be a class series of tennis, this fall. Each class will play out an elimination tournament and the four winners will play for the fall championship.

Basketball practice will begin early this season so as to have the best possible team for interscholastic games after Jan. 1st. Interclass games will be played during November and December.

We can make the year a success by each boy doing his part.

A PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT

The course in English Grammar has been given up and a course in practical English substituted. In the latter course more stress is laid on oral work, such as public speaking, debating and the like.

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EDITORIAL

A. H. S. is proud that its very best boys have enlisted, but pride can not make up for the hole left by them. In order to keep up to our usual standard we must all stand closer together. This means that group interests must become general. For this reason The Spirit changed its former policy. The Spirit is a student paper and the new policy is intended to benefit the students directly. Our plan calls for news while it is news first of all; the promotion of all student interests and high school affairs by arousing pep before hand and live write-ups afterwards; next, the changing of the high school from a body of groups with various interests into a solid group interested in all activities; the training of the largest possible number in practical writing and the handling of responsibility; the enlarging of comradeships by bringing all students into the limelight; the promotion of all kinds of talent by providing space and arranging contests to coax bashful and hidden "lights"; and, lastly a general and special drive for pep.

The Spirit now consists of three distinct publications with largely separate staffs. It will be rushed through the correcting and printing in order to keep the news newsy and the jokes fresh. About every fourth issue will be a literary issue in the old form. It will contain selected student papers and prize winning poems, stories and articles in specially arranged contests, not to mention a large joke department. Last but not least will be the annual of which at present we can only say—that it will be better than ever.

The students should surely boost The Spirit as

already there are evidences that the business men are enthusiastically backing it. Now we want two hundred and seventy-five good subscriptions, we absolutely need two hundred and fifty, and with two hundred we will go on dropping a few issues and raising some money. Last year two hundred and fifty subscriptions were pledged but only one hundred and seventy paid their pledge money. Your subscription will make you a live and helpful rooter of A. H. S. and will show us plainly that you want a live paper and a live school. The freshmen should at once line up with high school interests in order to get the most out of their stay. Maybe they need some coaxing. If you like our plan and want our backing in your special interests and desires you must back our paper both financially and vocally. If you all boost we may soon have a weekly Spirit, if you don't we will be sure to have a weakly spirit

LET'S PUSH AND PUSH HARD

As the school year begins anew, fellows, let's make Ames High still a greater High than ever before. Get behind and push for the H. Y Club and make it the greatest in the state. We can do it, we have the quality and material, let's put it across.

Three fellows representing Ames High have just returned from Camp Foster, a Y. M. C. A. training camp on the shore of East Okoboji. They have met with fellows from all four corners of the state, fellows who have won fame in athletics and come to Camp Foster to train so has to do their bit for a wide world organization.

I think the fellows who have returned are full of pep and are ready to do their bit to make the Ames Hi Y the greatest in the state.

Freshmen the Hi Y extends a glad hand to you and hope you will shake. It is the same to all you upperclassmen. The Hi Y wants every fellow out. Will We Do It? Yea Bo!

WELCOME

No other group takes quite so high a place as the Freshman and new students as they are the new blood, the unknown quantity. They hold the future of A. H. S. in their hands. May they have lots of new ideas and pep. Let's shake with all of them and say, "Helloh friend, what ar eyou interested in?—why, so am I, come on and I'll introduce you to the gang."

OUR NEW TEACHERS

Ames High has been especially fortunate in securing teachers to fill the vacancies of last year. The policy has been to secure teachers having strong college records and considerable experience in teaching. Among the new members of the faculty are: Miss Olive Stewart of Jefferson, Iowa. Miss Stewart attended Grinnell two years and later I. S. C. where she took her master's degree. She has been teaching at Hartland, Wash. and takes Miss A. Sprague's place who has gone to North Des Moines High. Miss Laura Niles, a graduate of A. H. S. in 1911 and I. S. C. in 1915 and for the last two years at Rockwell City, comes highly recommended taking Mrs. Sadie Clark Schregardus position in Mathematics. Mrs. Schregardus now resides in Columbus, Ohio. Miss June Miller, a graduate of Parsons college and for two years a teacher at Arlington, High School, the last year as principal comes to Ames as a German teacher replacing Miss R. Johnson who is teaching in North Dakota. Miss Florence Williams, a graduate of Coe in 1912 coming from Anita, Iowa, will have charge of English and Ancient History. Miss Louise Coskery after a semester's absence will teach English in place of Miss Turner, who has accepted a similar position in East Des Moines.

PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS

It is advertising that makes any magazine or paper successful financially. About half of the expenses of The Spirit are paid by our advertisers so it is up to each and all of us to see that the business men of Ames feel that advertising in The Spirit pays. We certainly owe our advertisers our good will and as only the best firms are solicited and only the ones that are really interested in High School boys and girls respond we may always be sure to good honest values and excellent service from the firms that advertise in our paper. If you make it your business to patronize our advertisers you will be contributing to the success of this paper while, at the same time you save money and gain in quality and service.

P. S.—Several firms that we could not accommodate, wanted space in this issue.

S-c-a-n-d-a-l

"Are you fond of indoor sports, Mable?"

"Yes, if they know when to go home."

A CHANCE OF A LIFETIME!!!

Opportunity is knocking at your door! Will you be the ones to win fame and fortune? The Spirit needs a sizzling motto for the coming school year. Anyone from Zentmire to systematic Hicks, from the proudest senior to the most scared prep is eligible to send in mottoes. The winner will be given a lot of publicity and a subscription to The Spirit! A good example is the Chicago Tribune's motto, "I Will." The rules are simple: (1) All mottoes short, (2) Each on a separate sheet, (3) The contestors name in the upper right hand corner pasted over with another paper so as to be invisible, (4) The editor, the assistant, and the news editor to be the judges, (5) Only one prize given but all submissions may be used for some other purpose. Surely YOU can think of a telling phrase. Remember opportunity only knocks once! By grabbing her you will win Miss Fame and Mr. Fortune.

A GOOD PROSPECT

A live year is promised for A. H. S. as Miss Mills has charge of The Spirit, Miss Stewart has charge of the Inter-High School Debate, and Miss Fickel the State Declamatory work. This looks like a group of hustlers and all that is needed to make Ames a winner is your support by getting out and being the putty for these masters to mold.

OUR LITERARY STAFF

For the big issue of The Spirit which comes out three times in the school year we have secured two star performers. Hazel Cave will practically have charge of the issue as her Literary department will hold the principal place. The feature of the issue will be a Contest department under the charge of Romana Reins. The jokes will probably hold the interest of the students and they will have all the space they need. This department is under the care of Beatrice Olson who runs the same department in the news issue. The news staff appears in the statement. An announcement of the Annual Staff will appear in the next issue. The stenographers will also be named in that issue.

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